Mr C. Kumara Das: (a) 3rd Edavom 1121.

(*b*) To enable the department to take up a comprehensive programme of work and to carry it out independently.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ജിയോളജിക്കൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യമാക്കിയതിനുശേഷം അതിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനപരിപാടികൾ എന്തെല്ലാമാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: It has recently been separated from the Industries Department. The programme will be: a geological survey and mapping of mineral resources of the State; mineral exploration; the prospecting and the development of the mineral industries and the formation and development of a geological museum.

Public Health Department.

232. ✻ **Mr. K. S. Joseph** (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla* cum *Pathanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Health has promoted Sanitary Assistants and Conservancy Overseers as clerks;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative whether it was done with the knowledge or sanction of Government;

(*c*) whether the Director has power to promote hands from the lower to intermediate division;

(*d*) whether he has power to re-entertain hands that are retired or left the department;

(*e*) whether and if so how many such hands have been re-entertained; rnd

(*f*) their names, if any?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*): (*a*) Experienced and duly qualified persons in the cadre of Sanitary Assistants and Conservancy Overseers have been promoted as clerks.

(*b*) The promotions specified above were effected by the Director of Public Health, since such promotions fell within the purview of powers delegated to him by Government.

(*c*) Subject to certain limitations, persons can be promoted from the lower to the intermediate division, especially in technical departments.

(*d*) No. Retired employees can be re-entertained with the express sanction of Government when the exigencies of service demand such a step.

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(*e*) Several Sanitary Circle Officers and Sanitary Assistants who had retired were re-entertained for work when there was a keenly felt paucity of technically qualified personnel. Most of them were disbanded as soon as it was possible to do so.

(*f*) *Sanitary Circle Officers.*

1. Mr. P. V. Jacob.
2. „ R. Subramonia Aiyar, and
3. „ V. Padmanabha Aiyangar.

Sanitary Assistants.

1. Mr. M. Arjunan Pillai.
2. „ Mahomed Bava, and
3. „ N. G. Kesava Pillai.

Health Unit in Ambalapuzha.

233. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Ambalapuzha to sanction a health unit within the limits of the Village Union, Ambalapuzha; and

(*b*) if they have received one what action has been taken on it ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether there is any provision made in the budget for 1122 if the representation is in favour of the health unit ?

Rajysevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : Yes, Sir. Provision has been made to extend mosquito control over a larger area in a number of taluks.

Smallpox and Plague.

234. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was outbreak of smallpox and plague in our State in 1120 and 1121 ;

(*b*) if so, which were the places affected ; and

(*c*) whether vaccination is made compulsory in all such areas where there are frequent outbreaks of smallpox.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All the taluks were affected by smallpox in 1120 and 1121, while the Alleppey Municipal Town alone was affected by Plague in those years.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know which are the taluks which are largely affected by the epidemic in 1120 and 1121 ?

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